



Minutes of the 40th Annual General Meeting of the International Six Metre Association (ISMA)

Nynäshamn, Sweden, July 25th 2012

1. Welcome

President Beat Furrer welcomed the participants, said that he would try to keep the meeting short, and pointed out that the agenda had been published on the ISMA web-site at the proper time. The meeting would follow this agenda.

2. In Memoriam (President/Matt Cockburn)

The President reported the death of Luigi Carpeneda (86) from Italy, former Captain of the Italian Admirals Cup Team, Commodore of the Yacht Club Porto Rotondo, and former skipper together with his wife Marina Carpeneda of the Six Metre Dan D43. Luigi died in a car accident in Milano. A new Trophy has been offered by Marina in Luigi's memory.

Matt Cockburn reported that Lucie Bedford Cunningham Warren had passed away. Together with her first husband, Briggs Cunningham, she was a well-known personality in the US sailing world and in the America's Cup, as well as Six Metre sailing. Lucy passed away at the remarkable age of 104 years; she was the grand-daughter of the founder of Standard Oil, Edward T Bedford.

In memory of Lucie Cunningham a new trophy will be given for Classic Second Rule Boats, to be presented for the first time at the World Cup in Flensburg.

3. Apologies for Absence

The President reported that he had received apologies from Stefan O'Reilly-Hyland, the Honorary Secretary, and Tim Russell, Honorary Treasurer.

4. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The President asked whether there were any comments on the Minutes of the previous meeting in Helsinki. There were none. The Minutes were approved.

5. Voting Rights

For this meeting the voting rights for each fleet according to ISMA rules are as follows:

Fleet	Boats	Represented by:
Denmark	5	Erik Larson
Finland	33	Eero Lehtinen
France	7	Stefan O'Reilly-Hyland,
Germany	5	Thomas Kuhmann
Great Britain	14	Robin Richardson
Netherlands	1	
Sweden	8	Thomas Lundqvist
Switzerland	19	Beat Furrer
North America	21	Matt Cockburn
Individual	2	
Total	115	

The President reported that he had been asked to exercise the French vote. Thomas Kuhmann reported that the votes for Germany would be exercised by Björn Storsberg who was present at the meeting.

6. 2011 Accounts and 2012 ISMA Dues

The Financial Statement as of July 4th, 2012 was circulated. The President asked whether there were any comments on this matter. There were none. The Financial Statement for 2011 was approved.

7. President's Report

The President started his report by first thanking the Nynäshamn Yacht Club (NSS) and its Commodore, as well as Jan Klingeborn as Event Director, but also in particular Thomas Lundqvist for the organization of the European Championship. In addition he noted that Thomas Lundqvist had a great success in organizing the Olympic Revival Event in Stockholm in June, which was widely appreciated as a unique race and event. The president stated that due to his professional obligations he was not able to attend the Stockholm event.

The President further stated that he hoped everybody would have a good time and fair racing in Nynäshamn.

The President went on to say that it has been his intention to keep the Class closely unified, both for Classics and Moderns, in particular by publishing the Newsletter. While the Class itself seems to be alive and well, the President regretted the low number of Swedish modern boats in the Nynäshamn event, and in particular, the Moderns of the South Swedish fleet. He expressed his understanding for those Six Metre owners in France, Germany and Switzerland who may be absent due to the economic situation, new boat projects or family pressures. Furthermore the President expressed the hope that a new proposal for the modern Six Metre fleet will come up soon.

Finally, the President expressed his gratitude to Stefan O'Reilly-Hyland and Tim Russell for their support in setting up the agenda for the AGM.

8. Election

The President handed the meeting over to Henrik Andersin (FIN), Chairman of the Nominating Committee, to propose the candidates for the ISMA Board 2012 till 2014.

Henrik Andersin stated that the Nominating Committee consisted of himself as Chair, Thomas Lundqvist (SWE) and Toby Rodes (USA). The President asked whether the meeting had any comments on the composition of the Nomination Committee. There were none.

Henrik Andersin continued by presenting the proposals of the Nominating Committee for the next ISMA Board (2012 – 2014), as follows:

President	Beat Furrer (SUI)
Honorary Secretary	Stefan O'Reilly Hyland (FRA)
Honorary Treasurer	Tim Russell (GBR) – see note below
Vice-President – North America	Hans Oen (USA)
Vice-President – Northern Europe	Ismo Hentula (FIN)
Vice-President – Southern Europe	Dr Thomas Kuhmann (GER)
Race Venue Officer	Paul Smith (GBR)

Note: for one year only – a further proposal to be submitted for the second year.

The meeting approved the proposal of the Nominating Committee unanimously. The President declared that the Board is thereby elected.

Classics Committee

Henrik Andersin proposed the following Candidates:

Oliver Berking (GER) as Chair, with Matt Cockburn (USA), Johan Larson (SWE), Chris Museler (USA), and Tim Street (GBR), as members.

Mr Erik Larson submitted an alternative proposal with the same candidates but excluding Matt Cockburn.

The AGM voted on this alternative proposal as follows:

Country	Classic Committee with Matt Cockburn	Classic Committee without Matt Cockburn
Denmark	0	5
France	0	7
Finland	33	0
France	0	0
Germany	0	5
Great Britain	14	0
Sweden	0	0

Switzerland	0	19
North America	21	0
Total	68	36

The composition of the Classic Committee was therefore agreed, to include Matt Cockburn.

Technical Committee

Henrik Andersin proposed the following members for the Technical Committee:

David Pedrick (USA) as Chair, with Ian Howlett (GBR), Peter Norlin (SWE), Greg Stewart (USA), and Guy-Roland Perrin (SUI).

BISMA's Chairman Robin Richardson requested that the AGM should consider whether Ian Howlett should remain Chairman of the Technical Committee rather than just an ordinary member, and that David Chivers should continue as a member of the Technical Committee.

The President stated that the request regarding David Chivers was accepted. However, since Ian Howlett is proposed to remain a member of a Technical Committee, the question of who will hold the chair could be decided.

Recognising Ian Howlett's decade-long, eminent contributions to the Class, Henrik Andersin introduced David Pedrick, who has been Chief Designer of S&S and has played a major role in the America's Cup as well as having experience in other classes, in particular with the Metre Classes.

After discussion, the AGM voted unanimously for the members of the Technical Committee as proposed by the Nominating Committee. However, a vote is taken on the question of the chairmen, with the following results:

Country	David Pedrick as chairman	Ian Howlett as chairman
Finland	33	0
Germany	5	0
UK	0	14
Sweden	0	8
Switzerland	0	19
North America	21	0
France	0	7
Total	59	48

The President declared that David Pedrick was therefore elected as Chairman of the Technical Committee.

9. “Unloved” Boats 1965 – 1971

As not one owner of the vintage boats brought in any new idea or showed interest in the subject, the President proposed, as indicated last year, that these boats race with the Moderns and have their own trophy for the Europeans and the Worlds. The AGM approved this solution unanimously.

10. Technical Committee Annual Report

Ian Howlett reported on the flotation rules and other technical details. He stated that most of the work of the Technical Committee has been around the Classic boats.

A major section of his presentation was on the relationship between ISMA and ISAF. Ian Howlett pointed out that ISAF seems to have little understanding of many of the issues special to the metre classes. In particular, Ian saw some deficiencies in technical understanding on the ISAF side, making it somewhat difficult to get proper decisions and authorisations relating to our class.

It was Ian’s view that rather than trying to negotiate major and complex rule changes and definitions, it would be better to try to reach low-key “understandings” which are easier to negotiate and less complex to draft.

11. Classic Committee Annual Report

The President noted that Matt Cockburn had provided a written report before the meeting – available on the ISMA web site.

2. Classic Six Metre Newsletter

The new editor of the Classic Newsletter, Thilo Durach (GER), presented his concept which basically consisted of a newsletter to be published four times a year on the web, containing all relevant contributions and details. To be able to publish enough substance Thilo asked for the support of the competent Classics Six Metre owners and other authorities of ISMA so that he can rely on this input.

From the audience came a proposal that the Moderns should also be covered in the classic newsletter. While Thilo Durach was in basic agreement, the President and some other members saw a possible duplication with the ISMA Bulletin. Therefore it was agreed that the future Classic Newsletter will focus on the classic boats only.

13. Questions and proposals

A. Championships

Worlds 2013 – Flensburg, Germany:

Björn Storsberg confirmed that the World Cup will be held in Flensburg as planned, during the first week of August (1 August 2013 – 8 August 2013). It will start with the BMW Robbe & Berking Sterling Cup (the German International Open), followed by the World Cup. Björn Storsberg explained that the racing will be organised by the Flensburger Segelclub (FSC) which has long term racing experience for 12, 8 and 6 Metres and an excellent Race Committee. The rest of the organisation will be

provided by Robbe & Berking and BMW as Sponsoring Partner. The local Flensburg Six Metre community will try to organize early practice races and can offer storage and berthing for foreign Six Metres, which they hope will come to Flensburg early. No voting took place since the venue was decided in 2009.

Europeans 2014 – Falmouth, UK

Decided 2011. Details will follow. Time frame: second half of July 2014.

Worlds 2015 – France:

Decided 2010, however the exact venue is still open. It will probably be La Trinité-sur-Mer. Thomas Lundqvist stated that the organising yacht club should be clear from the beginning. Stefan O'Reilly-Hyland as chief organizer was asked to publish the final venue as soon as possible.

Europeans 2016 – Brunnen, Suisse:

Decided 2011. Although the venue was agreed in Helsinki in 2011, Mr Erik Larson proposed that the championship should be held at the Royal Danish Yacht Club in Tuborg Havn in Copenhagen, Denmark, on the occasion of the 150th anniversary of the Club.

At this point, the President Beat Furrer left the meeting, and Dr Thomas Kuhmann took the chair.

After some discussion, a new vote was taken, for Brunnen and Copenhagen as alternatives. The majority of the AGM voted for Brunnen. However the meeting welcomed the idea of asking the Royal Danish Yacht Club to hold the Europeans in 2018 in Copenhagen. Mr Larson agreed to investigate the willingness of Club to accept the fleet in 2018.

The President Beat Furrer rejoined the meeting and took the chair.

Worlds 2017, Puget Sound, USA:

At the 2011 AGM in Helsinki, there was a tentative decision in favour of North America for the World Cup 2017. Peter Hofmann stated that the venue could be San Francisco, Seattle or Vancouver. The exact venue will be defined after discussion with the potential organizing clubs. The AGM approved the North America option for 2017. Peter Hofmann will present a final proposal at the next AGM in Flensburg.

B. Measurement Certificates

The President stated that, following discussions initiated by Tim Russell, the ISAF has agreed to the extension of the validity period of the measurement certificates to 4 years. The Class Rule has been changed.

C. ISMA Bulletin

The President stated that the issue is still open since there has been no report from the committee set up to propose an alternative arrangement. On behalf of that committee, Thomas Lundqvist stated

that they are addressing the issue, but then during the meeting he announced his retirement from the committee. The President stated that in the absence of any alternative proposals he is prepared to continue issuing the Newsletter bi-annually, but the last time in autumn 2014.

The issue remains largely unresolved.

D. Sail Label Fee

The Finnish fleet raised, once again, a proposal to reduce the sail label fees. The President stated that the issue had been voted on at the AGM in Helsinki and was not up for a further vote this year. If they are still interested, the Finnish fleet could raise the same issue again at the next AGM.

14. Issues for Discussion or Review

A. Flotation Allowance for Classic Boats

50 mm deep flotation allowance: to be resolved by the Classic Committee in cooperation with the Technical Committee.

B. Treatment of Replicas

The President reported on the status of discussions regarding replicas. After discussion, both the Classic and the Technical Committee were mandated to review the existing rules and work out a final proposal for an amended rule. The predominant view of the audience, and of Thomas Kuhmann as VP-EU was that replicas should continue to be admitted to the fleet as a valuable addition, provided however that their lines are strictly in accordance with the original plans, and their construction principles are in accordance with the original, or at least do not give them an unfair advantage over true classic boats.

C. 1. Logistic Costs

The president expressed his doubts that sponsors will be found to meet the logistic costs of the Six Metre fleet. Thomas Lundqvist pointed out that for Newport and Helsinki it had been possible to make special deals with the shipping and ferry lines. The issue remained unresolved. However, the meeting recognized with acclamation Thomas' eminent achievements in this respect throughout the last years.

C.2. Boat pools

The President expressed his concern that all efforts to establish boat pools had been in vain. The issue remained unresolved. *Secretary's Note: Detailed enquiries should be made as to where boats for a pool would be available. The example of the Queen Christina Nations Club shows that boat pools can work.*

C.3. Sponsorship for Young Six Metre Sailors

The President expressed the view that the best way to keep the class alive is to have as many young sailors on board Six Metres as possible, to persuade them to take over as Skippers and/or owners of Six Metres in later years. That view was strongly supported by the meeting.

D. KSSS Trophy, and other trophies and insurance

The President stated that the KSSS Trophy had been won by Dan 43, sailed by Marina and Luigi Carpeneda, but since then all attempts to recover it from the owner of the boat and his family had proved unsuccessful. The KSSS should be approached to find out whether it wished to remain a donor of this Trophy, or abandon it. If it had to be replaced, then the Association should look for a better price for a replacement.

Separately, Marina Carpeneda had offered a new prize for Six Metres. The precise terms for the award of this prize needed to be specified.

For the Djinn Trophy and the World Trophy there had been a lively discussion, which started in Helsinki, about insurance. A clear view had emerged that the prizes shall be insured for a value of \$US 2,000/4,000; in the future they should be held by the sponsoring yacht club or the yacht club of the winner, and should be properly supervised and available in time to be presented to the winner of the next championship.

The President suggested that in the future small replica copies of the major prizes should be given to the winning teams so that they have a memento of the event, without the risk of losing or damaging the trophy itself.

E. Queen Christina Nations Cup - 2012 Finland

Henrik Andersin invited competitors to the Queen Christina Nations Cup 2012 in Finland, to be held from August 28th to September 1st in Espo. He brought the webpage of the Finnish Class Association to the attention of the meeting. Henrik also gave details of the organization of the event, which has reflected the great friendship between the competing teams.

15. Jean-Pierre Odero Trophy

The President proposed to award the Jean-Pierre Odero Trophy to Ian Howlett in recognition of his long-term and eminent work for the class and his continuing interest. The AGM greeted the proposal with widespread acclaim. The Trophy itself was not available at the AGM but it will be handed to Ian Howlett in the near future.

16. Other Business

Finally, the President encouraged everyone to contribute information from their National Class Associations and declared his willingness to coordinate all contributions, in order to achieve the maximum number of active participants in our future ISMA events.

Further, the President pointed out that frequently address changes of ISMA members are not communicated to him. He will normally make one further mailing effort after a failed delivery;

thereafter the member runs the risk of not receiving the Bulletin. They should please inform the ISMA of any changes in their address details.

The AGM started at 7:00pm and concluded at 9:30pm.

Munich, July 31th, 2012

Thomas Kuhmann VP-EU and Meeting Secretary